National Body for fixation of remunerative prices for sugarcane

5139. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI S. MUTHU MANI:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from farmers for setting up of a National Body for fixation of remunerative prices for sugarcane in various states;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof alongwith the action taken/specific action proposed and present status of the proposal;

(c) what is Government's policy for creating additional capacity in sugar industry and action plan drawn for the next two years, State-wise; and

(d) details of idle capacity of sugar mills in the States, State-wise in general and Maharashtra in particular alongwith causes therefor and action plan drawn for revival of idle capacity|sick units particularly in Maharashtra and projection of production of sugar during the next two years vis-a-vis demand for the same?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Government has been received from time to time representations from various organisations, bodies and individuals including Members of Parliament for fixation of remunerative prices for sugarcane in various States. Accordingly, the Central Government had decided last year to set up a Committee of Ministers of 5 major sugar producing States to make recommendations regarding the pricing policy for State Advised Prices of Sugarcane. The Committee has since submitted its report. With a view to examine the recommendations made by this Committee, a Conference of Sugar Ministers of all sugar producing States|UTs has been convened by the Ministry of Food on 6-5-95.

(c) The Government is at present reviewing the licensing policy for sugar industry. The decision on pending applications for grant of letters of intent for setting up of new sugar factories would be taken thereafter.

(d) A State-wise list showing the names of the sugar factories which did not function during the last sugar season 1993-94 is at statement (*See* below).

As regards revival of sick units, according to the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special provisions), Act, 1985, Companies which become sick have to be referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). These provisions have been extended to cover Government Companies also.

As regards the production of sugar during the next two years vis-a-vis demand for the same, it is too early to estimate the likely level of sugar production in the next two seasons.

Statement

State-wise list showing names of the sugar factories which did not function during the last sugar season 1993-94.

Andhra Pradesh	*Kerala*
1. Sivakami	1. Mannam
2. Nandyal	*Maharashtra*
3. Palakol	1. Changdeo
Assam	2. Jijamata
1. Chargola	3. Gajanan
Bihar	4. Dhamangaon
1. Pachrukhi	5. Girna
2. Siwan	6. Balapur
3. New Savan	7. Vairag
4. Bihta	8. Persoda
5. Warisaliganj	9. Paithan
6. Guraru	10. Georai
Gujrarat	11. Kada
1. Talaja	12. Kasoda
2. Dhoraji	*Orissa*
3. Una	1. Rayagada
4. Palaj	*Tamil Nadu*
Karnataka	1. Mailpatti
1. Vanivilasa	
2. Kampli	*Uttar Pradesh*
3. Munirabad	1. Khalilabad

New Sugar policy

5140. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lately been considering to evolve and lay down a new sugar policy aimed at increasing sugar production matching with domestic demand;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the contemplated policy; and

(c) what modifications are contemplated in the licensing policy in the light thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) There is no proposal under consideration to change the present policy of partial control with a dual pricing system for distribution of sugar.